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Summer spectacular

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre hosted the opening reception for artist and activist Bel Angeles' exhibit 'Recto Verso' on Saturday afternoon. The Perth-based artist, who focuses on equality and social justice through creativity, met with gallery-goers during Saturday's opening. 'Recto Verso' is on display through the summer. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*

CT scanner and mammography unit coming to hospital

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services received long-awaited news that diagnos-

tic imaging will be brought to the Haliburton Hospital to serve local patients.

Approval was recently granted for the purchase and operation of a CT scanner and CT mammography unit to be installed in the spring of 2024 at a cost of

approximately \$3.5 million.

The announcement was made on Friday, July 7 in the space where both pieces of equipment will be installed at HHHS in Haliburton.

"We know that early detection and

diagnosis of a health issue is more than just a matter of convenience, it has immense benefit on a person's quality of life, prognosis, and treatment path," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

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What was previously the "best market day" has turned into the slowest day for 2023 Farmers' Market vendors in Dysart. The change in location based on a council decision has drastically impacted sales for the season, which has many vendors worried about the future. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Dysart Farmers' Market hurting due to council decision

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Tuesdays in downtown Haliburton were once the days to be in town. Stores were bustling, people would be walking through the streets in sunhats and with freshly cut flowers, and there was an energy that made the downtown core feel alive.

According to a series of locals, this is no longer the case since Dysart Council made the decision to bump the Farmers' Market 300 feet away from the Info Centre in the downtown core, to the other side of the bridge near Rotary Park.

"No one sees us anymore," said market vendor Keli Schmidt, the owner of Hali Clothing Co., "the lack of visibility is what's really killing us."

When vendors signed up for the 2023 Dysart Farmers' Market, they were under the impression that it would be located in the same place it had been for years; in the heart of Head Lake Park, next to the previous playground equipment, and with easy access to washrooms, parking, and hydro. "We all applied as vendors in January," shared Laura Walker, the owner of Beachy Keen, "and it wasn't until the beginning of May that we found out we had been moved."

But no one really knows exactly why they were moved. Multiple vendors had suspicions. Some heard it was because of the playground that was slated to be built in the spring, but shows no signs of moving forward. "I understand if it was for the playground," said Schmidt, "and I respect the safety, but we have been in this location since May, and it's July now, and there is no sign of a park. We could have stayed on that side until construction had started."

When asked about the council decision, Mayor Murray Fearrey was quick to respond. "The site preparation and installation of the playground equipment would require much construction and heavy equipment," he told the *Echo*. "Unfortunately the playground installation has been delayed for various reasons."

Others heard that the reason for the move was due to

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Equipment will be 'game changing' for paramedic services

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MPP Laurie Scott. "And with this new equipment, people in Haliburton County and the surrounding areas can expect to receive quicker access to the diagnostic imaging services they need closer to home."

HHHS said the equipment will relieve strain on local paramedic services and help attract more medical staff to the Highlands.

"Next spring, how we deliver care locally will change," said acting president and CEO of HHHS Veronica Nelson. "For example, if your parent, sibling, or your friend falls and hits their head and they require a CT scan, they will no longer have to be sent by ambulance to the nearest CT scanner over an hour away. Instead, they will be wheeled down this hall into this room to have their CT in that corner."

The results will be electronically sent to a radiologist.

The local emergency physician can contact a neurosurgeon to access the images at the same time.

"Similarly, when it comes to mammography, it is one of the most effective ways



Haliburton County Councillor Dave Burton, HHHS acting president and CEO Veronica Nelson, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, HHHS Foundation executive director Melanie Klodt-Wong, and chief of Haliburton County Paramedic Services Tim Waite each spoke during the announcement for a CT scanner and Mammography unit to be brought to the Haliburton Hospital next year. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

of detecting breast cancer in women," Nelson said.

Nelson said this unit will serve 6,000 at-risk women in the county.

"This is actually better than Christmas for us," said chief of Haliburton County Paramedic Services Tim Waite. "I can't emphasize enough how truly game-

changing this is for paramedic services. Presently, we transport over 350 patients a year to alternate facilities to receive this specialized diagnostic care. That represents over 2,000 hours that ambulances are outside of the county."

Waite said ambulances can now spend more time in the county attending 911 calls.

"This is something that's been on our wishlist for some time and will go a long way towards our efforts to recruit and retain physicians to our area," said Highlands East Mayor and Haliburton County Councillor Dave Burton. "Hopefully we can see much improved response times within the county."

Some HHHS staff members will take extra training to help operate the new equipment, but new staff will also need to be hired.

HHHS is hoping to replace current diagnostic imaging equipment from fundraising efforts made by the foundation.

"This approval now advances our plans for our major capital campaign. I look forward to providing more information about the campaign planning progress in the near future," said executive director of HHHSF Melanie Klodt-Wong.

Developers quiet about plans for Dysart property

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Few details have been available about a commercial development at the former Brooklyn Concrete property in Dysart.

Plans for the site at County Road 21 and Hops Drive have been registered with the municipality since late 2020. Attempts to contact the developer, the Sunray Group's 10 Hops Drive Inc., have been unsuccessful.

The parcel of land off Highway 21 has been known over the year by some community members to have been a swamp wetland.

Dysart council approved in principle on Oct. 27, 2020 a bylaw to authorize the execution of a site plan. Those plans show architectural and engineering drawings that include a retail space of 10,000-square-feet, along with a smaller store of 1,600-square-feet, a fast-food restaurant, and a gas station.

The property's previous owner, Marnac Management Corp., sold the parcel to 10 Hops Drive Inc. That entity is associated

with the Sunray Group of Toronto.

According to its website, Sunray Group is a hospitality and development company with interests in retirement and residential housing and the accommodations industry.

"Sunray Group also specializes in the acquisition and disposition of petroleum and retail sites across Ontario which represent growth opportunities," according to the website. "Sunray currently has 20 sites under development and partners with major oil companies to redevelop and maximize density with the addition of a fast-food site that compliments the area."

They work with brands including Marriott, Starwood, Hilton, Radisson, Best Western, IHG, Wyndham and Choice Hotels. They have also developed for such brands as Tim Horton's, McDonald's, Fionn MacCool's, Shell and Petro Canada. Sunray Group currently owns and operates 53 hotels and employs more than 6,500 people in Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland.

According to Dysart municipal docu-

ments about the proposed development, the 10 Hops Drive Inc. plans fits well with the township's long-term vision for economic development.

One of the strategies within the economic development strategy is related to the enhancement of villages and hamlets.

"Enhancing the attractiveness of our

villages and hamlets to ensure aesthetics and good design are considered in all municipal projects and in any new development along roads leading into Haliburton, such as the proposed commercial development along County Road 21 which is considered a gateway into the community," according to the staff report.

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Council passes new DYMO operating costs

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

DYMO Bus passenger rates will be increased in July to cover off a recent increase in operating costs.

Dysart township council during its June 13 meeting increased the hourly rate paid to the bus service operators to \$25 effective July 1. Council's decision also allowed for an annual cost of living increase.

The operator's hourly rate was last increased in 2020 to \$19.50. As such things go, passengers will see a jump in their fare cost to offset the operator service rate increase.

An updated bus fees and charges bylaw will be brought to the July 25 Dysart council meeting. The new passenger rates will take effect Aug. 1.

In Area 1, passengers will pony up \$9 each direction but \$7 each direction for grocery shopping on Wednesdays.

In Area 2, the rate goes from \$22 to \$24 per person in each direction from Area 1 to Area 2.

In Area 3, the cost will be \$30 per person in each direction between Areas 1 and 3.

In Area 4, a passenger will pay \$41 between Areas 1 and 4 in each direction.

In Area 5, a passenger will cough up \$52 to ride between Areas 1 and 5, back and forth.

Beyond the boundaries of each of the villages in Areas 1 through 5, passengers can tack on \$1.65 per kilometre.

From Haliburton to Lindsay and Peterborough to Bracebridge, the minimum cost of \$330 and six passengers and more pay \$55 each.

From Haliburton to Barrie, Oshawa, Toronto, or Kingston, it'll be \$220 plus \$55 per hour.

Excursions to long-term care facilities will run you \$165 for three-hour jaunt and another \$55 for each additional hour.

Based on prior year trends, staff are forecasting a net deficit of \$1,262 to the operating budget with the fare rate increase effective Aug. 1, according to a report to council from Mallory Bishop, the township's clerk.

"It's not an unreasonable request based on inflation, I don't think," said Mayor Murray Fearrey. "That doesn't anywhere near cover it, does it, cost-wise?"

The proposed fee structure is designed to help the service break even, Bishop said.

"And that doesn't put anything aside to buy another one (bus)," Fearrey said.

Resident near traffic mishap prompts intersection signage

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart motorists will soon notice a new Yield sign at the Sand Point Road-Indian Point Road intersection.

Indian Point Road resident Suzanne Montgomery wrote a letter to township council in which she detailed a close call on the road. She had recently been driving past Sand Point Road.

"A car coming from Sand Point Road onto Indian Point (Road) almost T-boned us," she said in her letter. "We were all shaken up by this and thought it was driver error."

But she'd been walking that stretch of thoroughfare the next day and saw that there was no Yield or Stop sign at that intersection.

"At Dardanelles and Indian Point there is a Yield sign," she wrote.

Increased traffic at Sand Point Road-Indian Point Road makes some means of traffic control necessary, she said.

"Additionally, there is a public beach off of Sand Point Road which adds traffic volume going through the intersection," Montgomery said. "Please have council consider this much required improvement to keep us all safe proactively."

Council answered during its regular meeting June 27.

"I think there are a number of Stop signs on these roads, but I don't know why there isn't one there," Mayor Murray Fearrey said.

He speculated a sign may have come down.

Rob Camelon, the township's director of public works, said there are number of things council can do at that intersection.

The Highway Traffic Act permits council to install Stop signs, but there needs to be a permitting bylaw, he said.

A Yield sign, which doesn't require a bylaw, can be installed. Or, he said, council can opt to leave the area as an uncontrolled intersection.

"Just as a little more background for council, the road was assumed back in the Sixties and I'm not aware of any accident history," Camelon said. "This is the first complaint that we've had about a near-miss at that intersection."

Fearrey said the very least the township could do is erect a Yield sign.

Council agreed to have a Yield sign installed at the intersection.

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Dysart awaits study to determine Loon Lake Road speed limit

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Property owners on Loon Lake Road will have to wait until the fall to learn if they'll see the speed limit lowered on their street.

Kathy Jolivet, president of the Loon Lake Property Owners Association, sent Dysart township council a letter that detailed property owners' concerns about speeding traffic in their area.

During its June 27 meeting, council agreed to await the completion of a speed limit study in the fall before deciding what can be done.

Jolivet said in her letter that she'd contacted council some years ago about putting signage in the Loon Lake area, urging motorists to ease off the accelerator. Even signs that indicated pedestrian crossing would have sufficed, she wrote.

"But it was ultimately not passed," she said in her letter. "In fact, during the televised council meeting, it was said that residents should take it upon themselves to drive slower."

Residents requested during the association's annual general meeting that council be lobbied to lower the speed limit to 30 kilometres per hour.

"Most of our residents' opinion is it's not the residents of the road," Jolivet said in her letter. "Rather, it's the daily visitors that are coming to the government dock."

Dysart is supporting a request to lower the speed limit on Highway 118, she said.

"And we are greatly thankful for that," Jolivet said. "We are hopeful that we can also look forward to your support on this

request as well.

"We have a lot of small residents, as well as pets that use that road, not only daily, but hourly, and their safety is our main concern. Formal lower posted speed limit would be a great start."

Mayor Murray Fearrey said he couldn't fathom why a motorist would speed on Loon Lake Road.

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts said there's a number of areas council needs to consider classifying as community safety zones.

"Where there's a lot of people walking

and biking and stuff," she said. "I wonder if we do that all at once and just lower the speed limits on some of the side and back roads."

Rob Camelon, the township's public works director, said the municipality is awaiting a speed limit study that is going to be forwarded to council later this year.

The review is being carried out by Paradigm Transportation Solutions Ltd.

"We had consultants come in to assess our entire network based on the Highway Traffic Act," Camelon said. "I think if we start there, it's a good foundation for

moving forward with community safety zones."

Ultimately, he added, the township is going to need an in-depth policy and a deep-dive into a discussion about speed limits and safety zones.

"It's really going to open up a big can of worms, in my mind," Camelon said.

"And I don't think it's as simple as it sounds, either," Mayor Murray Fearrey said. "There's a lot of regulations in that speed reduction zone. ... There's quite a lot of red tape."



Here for the deals

The 'New to You Community Yard Sale' took place Saturday in the A.J. LaRue Arena parking lot, where Highlanders were able to browse about 20 different yard sales without the hassle of driving around. Bargain-hunters enjoyed a sunny morning while browsing antiques, vintage and new-to-you merchandise in the heart of Haliburton. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Letter to grads

TWO WEEKS ago, I had the honour of giving the alumni speech at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduation ceremony.

For all the graduates, here is that speech, as a letter to you as you navigate this new and exciting time:

How many times, in the last year, have you been asked what your future plans are?

I'm going to ask you the same question, but instead of giving me your answer, I want you to just sit with that plan while I share a few things with you.

Six years ago, when I was sitting where you're sitting, my plan was to go to university, get a degree, maybe become a teacher or professor, and live in a city.

But now, I'm here, speaking to you as the editor of the newspaper that sat on my kitchen table every week as a kid growing up.

And guess what? No university degree. I actually graduated from art school. I have a diploma in design.

I can say with confidence that there was not a single point, within the last six years of my life, that I imagined I would be talking about my career as the editor of the Haliburton Echo.

But considering that, I don't actually think luck is an integral part of my story.

I feel so lucky, but I think there's a lot more to it than that.

When I look back on those six years, contemplating how I got here, three things stick out to me.

The first is that I worked hard at everything I did, no matter what it was. Like, really hard. Whatever job I had, whatever project I was work-

ing on in school, I put my soul into it.

Second, I took a lot of new opportunities that excited and intrigued me. If I felt stagnant where I was at the time and a new opportunity came up, I dove in and tried something new.

And third, even if I was terrified, if I thought it would have a positive impact on my future, I did it anyway. I changed schools and programs, scared. I took new jobs, scared. I said yes to giving this speech, scared.

And each of these things is connected to the next. The best opportunities don't come along without hard work.

And the best opportunities are probably going to be the ones that scare you the most.

You've probably heard the quote that "everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."

Is that ever true.

It's been such a joy getting to watch your final year at this school unfold.

Whether it was taking photos at some of your games, or interviewing you about projects or initiatives, I know that this graduating class absolutely has that drive.

Your passion and ambition are tangible.

So let's go back to your answer to my first question.

Now, think about it while remembering that life usually doesn't go according to your plan exactly, but that's okay.

Life can turn out be more incredible than anything you could ever imagine in this moment right now.

As long as you work hard and take the best opportunities as they come, even if they're really scary, you truly don't know what's around the next corner.

And how exciting is that?



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Editorial



A black bear cub tastes a daisy.

by Tammy Nash

Where did they go?

SHE THOUGHT she could stay there forever. It was one of those perfect summer days. The sun poured down in a stream of light and heat, covering Carol like a blanket of contentment: very warm but not stifling. Water fingered the shoreline just beyond her toes. Farther out she heard the loon that had been keeping her company for the past hour.

Carol was lying on her stomach, arms stretched along her side, face sideways on the beach towel. It still smelt of lake water from last night's skinny dip. The sand was moulded around her cheek, holding it like a soft hand, cool and familiar. This was the good life, she told herself. No school, no city swelter, no confusing adolescent friendships. Just the cottage, the lake and her parents busy hammering, weeding and doing whatever else parents did on a July afternoon.

Of course there were bugs. But she had that under control with the spray repellent. Mixed with suntan lotion, Carol was slippery and sticky all at the same time. The mosquitoes kept their distance but the horse and deer flies were a little more determined. But she managed. Because where she was compensated for any minor insect annoyances.

After one last swim it was time to pack everything up and head back to the cottage. Mom had agreed to drive Carol and her brothers into town for a movie. While they usually spent cottage nights reading or playing cards, it was always a treat to drive the thirty minutes to the show. It didn't really matter what was playing. Just a change of pace and a huge bag of popcorn made it special.

The trip could entail unexpected driving conditions. Sometimes rain bounced off the highway or fog reduced mom's speed by half. Mist often rose from the pavement lending a spooky atmosphere to the trip. And of course they all were on the watch for animals crossing the road.

One thing Carol did not look forward to on these trips was the splat of

bugs hitting the car windshield. She thought it was gross. Moths were the worst because they tended to be big and when they rammed into the glass, the resulting mess sprayed like a bad idea. Carol made her feelings of disgust known but there was nothing they could do. Her mom explained the insects were attracted to the headlights. By the time they returned to the cottage after the show, the windshield was thick with splashes and bits of tiny wings and other body parts. It was just part of summer.

Carol thought about those nights now as she sat on her deck looking out at the water. The lake was calm, moonlight spilling like a pathway across its surface. The loons were still around, their mysterious call heard every now and then as she sat enjoying the peace and beauty of her surroundings. How lucky to have this, she told herself.

But there was something bothering her as well. It was about the bugs. Or rather, the lack thereof. She had just returned from a trip to

the city. While she no longer was able to spend the entire summer at the cottage, she came as often as she could and certainly every weekend. Now by the lake, she marvelled at the perfect weather and pleasantly warm night air. This was just as it had always been.

Except her windshield was clean. Although she had just driven for three and a half hours on a warm July night, the number of insect remains on the glass could be counted on one hand. She wondered what had happened to the bugs. And then, she further mused about the other critters that depended on those annoying insects for food. Bats and birds for example. It gave her a feeling of foreboding. Something else she had noticed. The outdoor porch light, usually a nightly bug killer extraordinaire in her youth, looked pretty clean and clear these days. She assumed this was the new normal. And the more she thought about that, the more it made her uneasy.

Down



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points of view

Fair - a faucet

ON THE weekend, Jenn and I visited our community garden plots to remove some invasive radishes out of my heirloom native weed patch.

Another gardener was using the hose to water his garden, so we tended to ours and waited our turn. When he was done, he politely asked us if we needed the hose. To which I courteously replied, "Yes."

"You'll be sure to turn the faucet off when you are done right?" he then asked.

I nodded civilly, but when he left, I said to Jenn, "Do I look like a guy who forgets to turn off a faucet?"

"No," she replied. "Why?"

I then explained that the last time I needed the hose from that same fellow, he asked me the exact same question.

"He's just being diligent," she said.

But I was not so sure.

You see, I am not exactly a gardener's gardener. I crowd my Swiss chard and have been known to let a couple of my pea plants infringe upon a neighbouring bean row. Oh,

and the third to fifth rows of my garden have been taken over by rogue carrots, but only because I sneezed as I planted the seeds. But that is no reason to assume I am irresponsible or incapable of basic faucet etiquette.

After we watered our gardens, I walked over to the faucet and turned it off successfully, just to prove the point. Which, for the record, I would have done without the reminder.

Not that it bothered me in the least.

Although later that night, at bedtime, I mumbled, "He had no right to assume I am bad at using faucets. There is no tangible evidence to back up that claim. On the contrary..."

"Let it go," Jenn said.

It was easy for her to say! No one was implying that she was bad at using faucets. But I knew, from experience that this is the kind of thing that ruins reputations. Yes, it was a subtle, even innocuous comment, but if I just let it slide, next thing you know all the other gardeners would be whispering, "There's Steve. He needs reminding to turn off the garden hose faucet. Apparently, he doesn't quite grasp the concept..."

After that, it's a short hop before they forbid you from using the hoe without adult supervision.

To use a gardening term, I decided to nip this in the bud. So, I formulated what I thought was a reasonable course of action.

"So, you are telling me you are going to hang out at the community garden every night for the next week and pretend to turn off the faucet every time a fellow gardener shows up?" Jenn recapped.

"Yes," I replied. "If I do this, I will soon develop a solid reputation as a guy who knows his way around a faucet. And I will probably gain the respect and admiration of the other gardeners too."

Jenn - to put it mildly - did not think this was a good idea. Again, she argued that I was making a mountain out of a mole hill - which I also suspect was also a reference to my garden.

She also tried to convince me that the faucet monitor probably says the same thing to everyone.

"Has he ever said it to you?" I asked.

"Look! A bird!" she replied.

The next day we returned to the garden. Predictably, Jenn watched over me as I used the hoe.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo of the Haliburton Citizens Band was taken in 1905. Standing are John Adams, Sid Johnston, bandmaster, and Walter Austin. Seated left to right are: William Lucas, Frank Austin, Jack Potts, Geo. Potts, Garnet Austin, Harry Abbot, James Weekes, Frank McIntyre, T. Jones, William Prust and Edward Austin. /From the Echo archives

letters to the editor

Thank you note for the town flowers

To to the Editor,

Thanks to the people who beautify the town with those colourful hanging baskets and banners and care for the gardens at our walkways in town. We love to see it but know it happens because

someone planned it and tended it for all of us to enjoy.

Eleanor Cooper
West Guilford

Dysart hosts its first Household Hazardous Waste Day

Improper disposal of household hazardous waste can contaminate our soil, water, forests, air, and wildlife. Therefore, to help protect the environment, it is vital residents drop off acceptable materials at Household Hazardous Waste Days.

The Municipality of Dysart et al is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haliburton Landfill, 222 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton.

Household hazardous waste often has the corrosive, explosive, flammable, or poisonous symbol on them, and includes aerosol cans (full or partially full); automotive fluids; batteries - vehicle (automotive, marine, etc.); batteries - household (rechargeable and single-use); cleaners (bleach, oven cleaner, etc.); compact fluorescent light bulbs; fertilizers; finishing products (varnish, glue, etc.); fluorescent tubes; gasoline (containers NOT returned); motor oil (must be capped); paint (latex and oil, full or partially full); pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides; pool chemicals; propane cylinders; propane tanks; and solvents (varsol, paint thinners, etc.).

Any resident of the County of Haliburton can attend the Household Hazardous Waste Day. To participate, residents must show their valid Algonquin Highlands or Dysart et al or Highlands East or Minden Hills landfill card. Residents must remain inside their vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off. Event staff will unload residential household hazardous waste.

Note, if you are attending an event outside of your regular municipality, only household hazardous waste will be accepted (no other wastes).

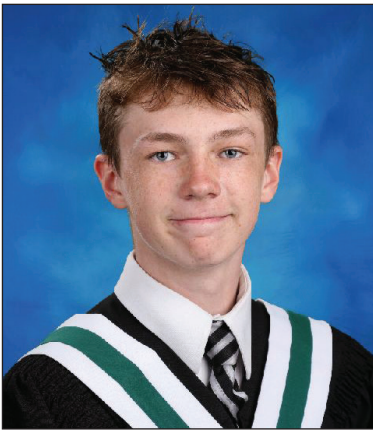
Due to provincial regulations, these events are for Haliburton County residents only. Hazardous waste is NOT accepted from businesses and organizations, including builders, camps, charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers, schools, etc.

For more information, visit www.dysartet.al.ca/hhw or download the free Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

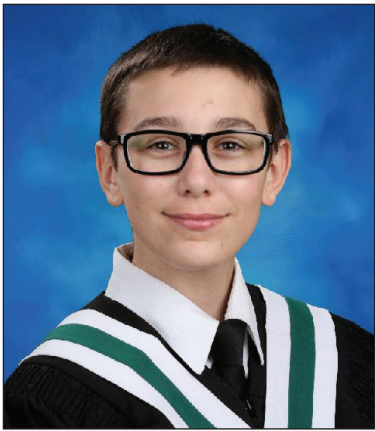
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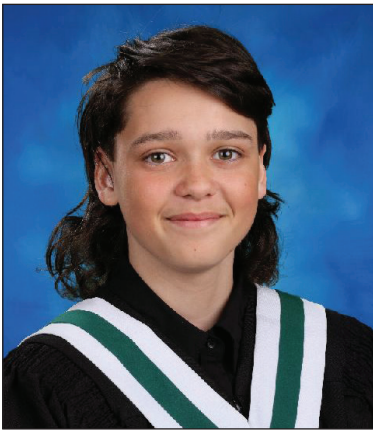
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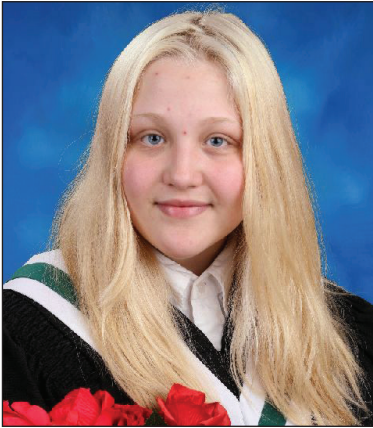
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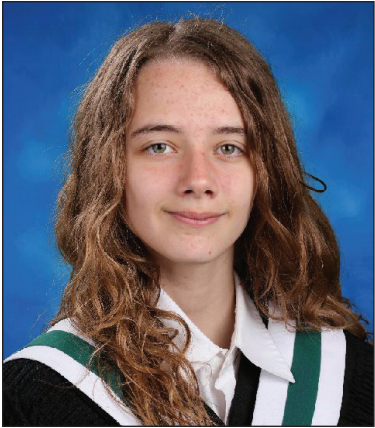
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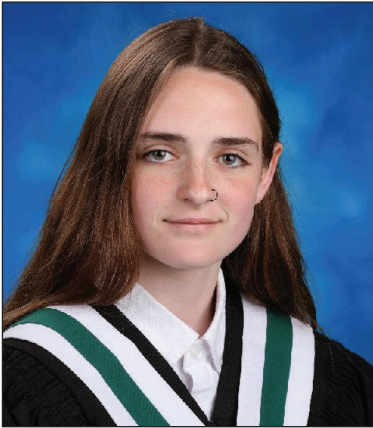
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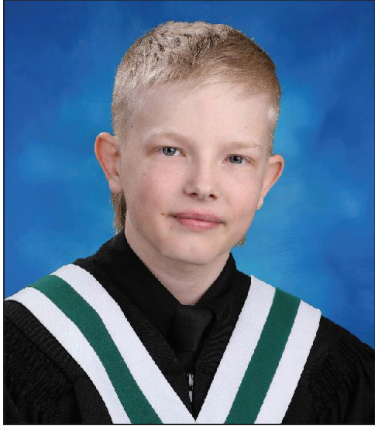
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Awards

Keagan Badger, **Valedictorian and Athletic Award**
Kylee Bailey McLeod, **Most Improved Award**
Ryder Bortolazzo, **Sportsmanship Award**
Nevaya Carisse, **Growth in Literacy Award**
Ana Fillier, **Mathematics and Citizenship Award**
Alexis Flemming, **Elementary Teacher Federation of Ontario Award (ETFO)** *This award is presented to a Grade 8 student who advocates for social justice in the school and classroom specifically for students having equal and fair learning opportunities.*

Tyson Plumley, **The Arts Award**
Aiden Smith, **Principal's Award**
Taylor Donaldson **Leadership Award**
Gavin Trumble, **Perseverance Award**
Anthony Belmonte, **French Award**
Missing: Adrian, **Literacy & Academic Award**

Teacher - Jacob Findeis
Educational Assistant - Tracey Nottage
Principal - Barbara Davies, retiring June 2023

Valedictorians 2023

Hello ladies and gentlemen.
We would like to welcome you all to our 2023 Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 8 graduation ceremony.
My name is Aiden.
My name is Keagan.
And we have the pleasure of speaking on behalf of the Graduates of 2023.

To begin, we would hate to miss saying thank-you. We would like to thank Mr. Findeis for teaching us how to respect everybody equally. We would like to thank Ms. Nottage for teaching us to care for others and always being there for us.

Keagan - I would also like to make sure that Ms. Higgins and Ms. McKay get recognized, I know we were a lot of work in Grade 4 and 5 and they put that work in for us. And finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Davies. She has personally seen me through some very hard times, and she deserves a happy retirement, you will be missed!

We would also like to thank our fellow graduates for making us laugh and smile during hard times.

We've learned that life is nothing but a series of moments, we would like to share a few of our favorites with you.

[Keagan] My favorite memory is when Nevaya jumped in the creek in the middle of winter and got drenched.

[Aiden] My favorite memory is when we went to Camp Muskoka and had dinner.

[Keagan] We sure have learned a lot while at Wilberforce ES, and a lot of that was from each other. We have grown, changed, struggled and succeeded as a group and I know that I wouldn't be the person I am so proud of today without the help of each of my classmates, past and present. We were a small group but a mighty one. As they say, its been a slice guys, and I wouldn't have wanted to share this pie with anyone else. Thank-you.

[Aiden] It is important to look back at our roots to motivate us to keep pushing forward and not go back. We can all agree that the modern world is easier. So let's keep pushing forward. Together! I would like to wish you all the best of luck with your futures! Be it graphic design, becoming a world class swordsman, the next global innovator or anything else, I know we can all do it. I know that our time at Wilberforce has given us a solid foundation to build from, and now that growth is ours to make happen! As has been said before, this is not the end, but only the beginning

This generation and forward is the future and this speech is to prove that the future is closer than it seems. Ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to your future, make sure you seize it.

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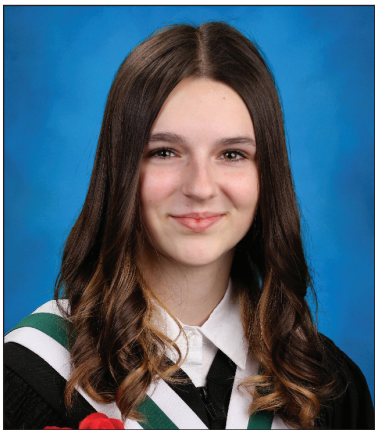
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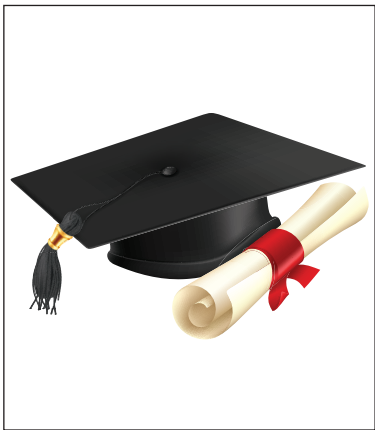
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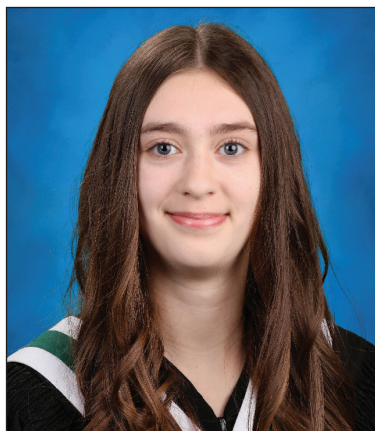
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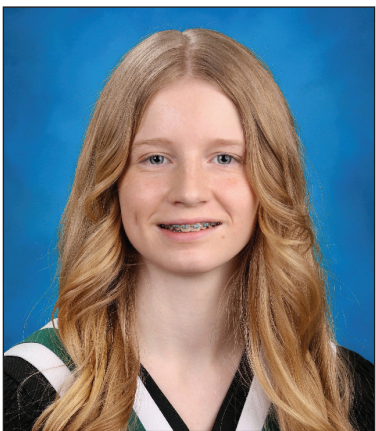
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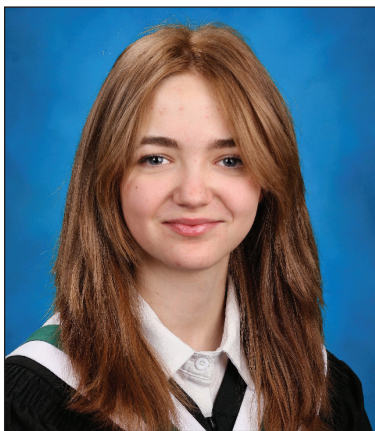
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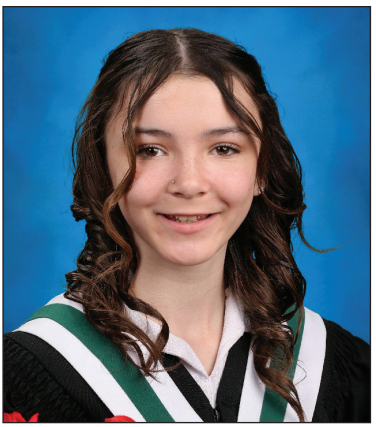
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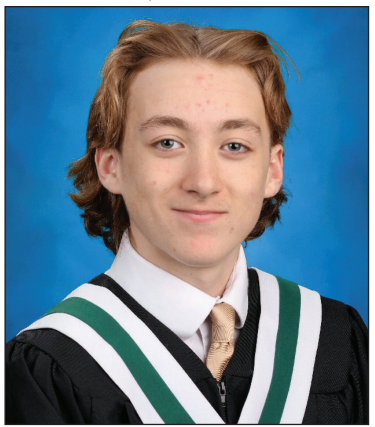
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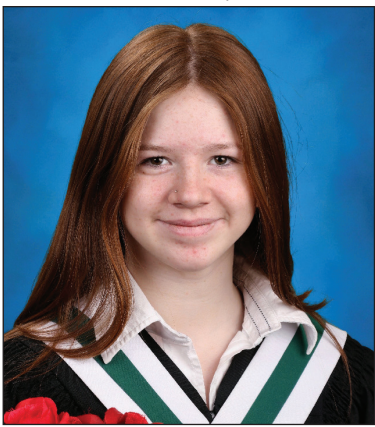
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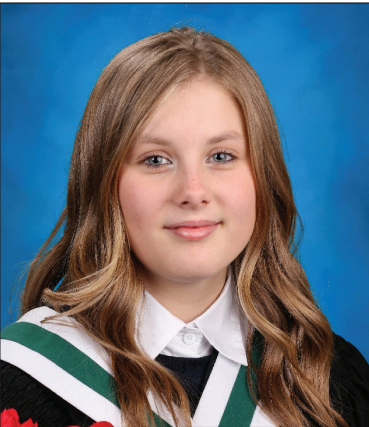
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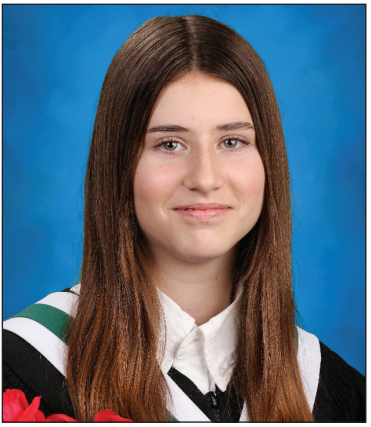
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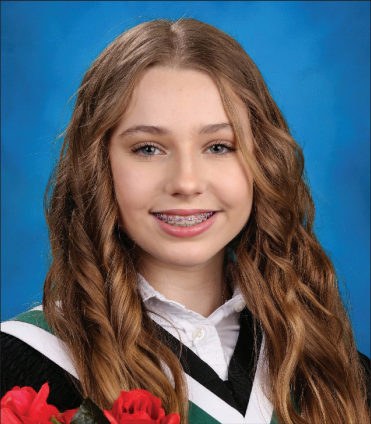
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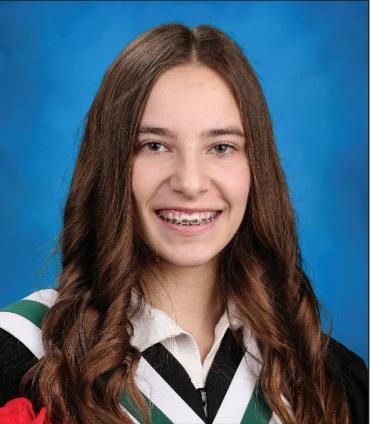
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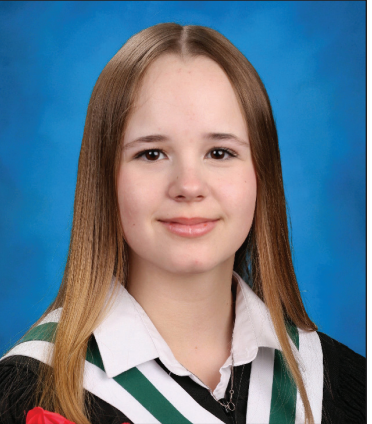
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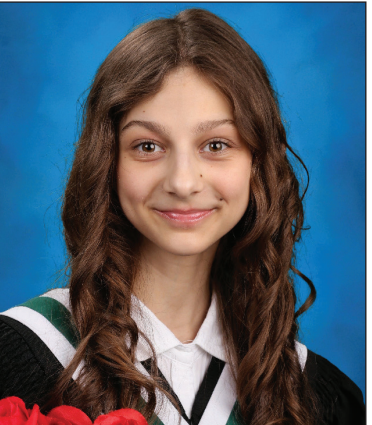
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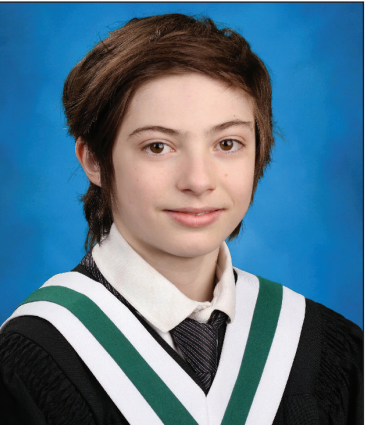
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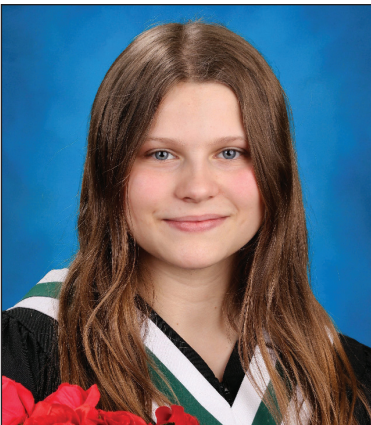
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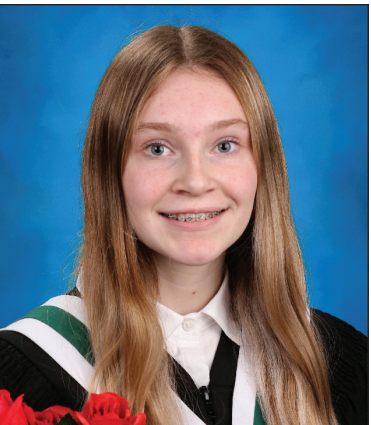
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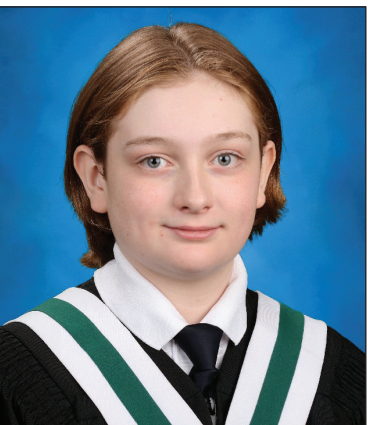
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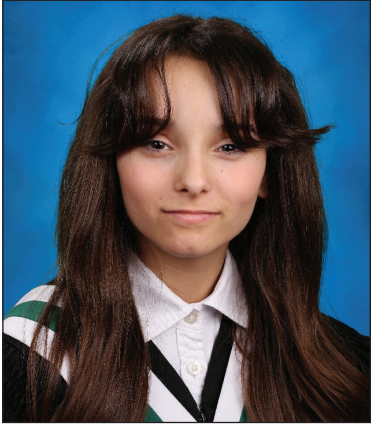
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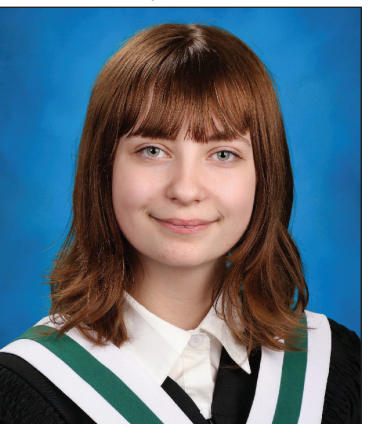
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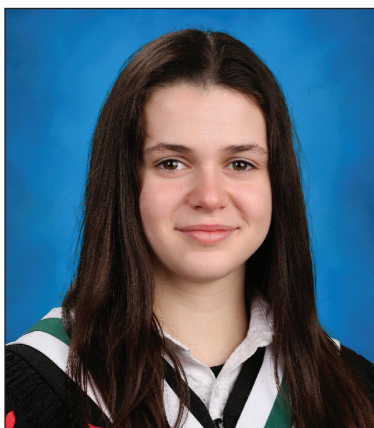
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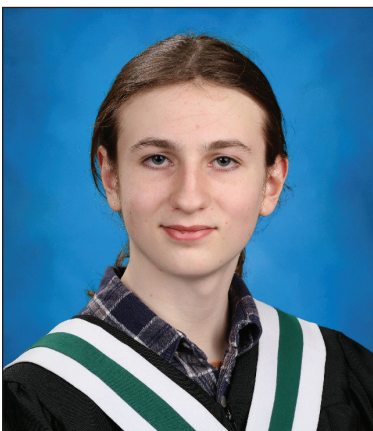
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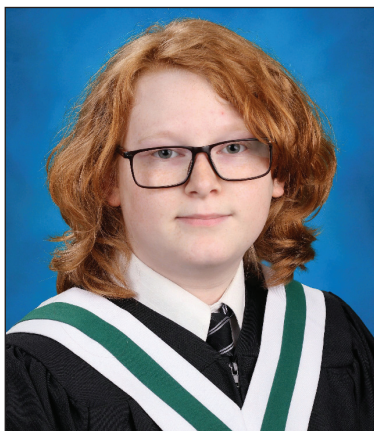
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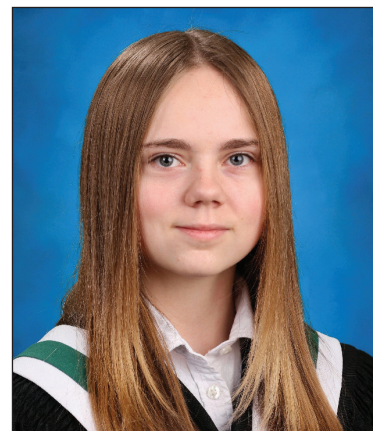
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Wilberforce Gigantic Penny Raffle returns

MICHAEL RILEY

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Gigantic Penny Raffle is returning to the Wilberforce arena on July 15, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., when the Gigantic Penny Raffle draw occurs. While not a yearly event, the organizers have been holding the raffle for the past 20 years which features fun for the whole family. Profits from the raffle go to two local volunteer charitable groups and toward community development initiatives. Kathy Rogers, who is part of the Wilberforce FUNraising group that is putting it on, comments on this upcoming event.

Rogers tells the Haliburton Echo that the Wilberforce FUNraising group, of which there are seven members this year, is working with the Heritage Guild and the Agricultural Fair Board to put on the Penny Raffle, and that there are

many others who volunteer their time and expertise to help out with this event. Although not held every year, it has been put on over the past two decades. To donate prizes or for more information, you can get in touch with Rogers at 705-448-1285 or at wilberforcefunraising@gmail.com.

Rogers says they get many donations, often over 150 of them, from businesses and individuals.

"All different kinds of items. You can purchase your card of 25 tickets and a door prize for \$25 and you go around and look at all the of the donations and put your tickets into the items you want to win. We also have a snack area including cotton candy, some games, a few vendors, and Pockets the Clown. A real hit is the hat decorating station, and then we hold a hat parade," she says.

The profits from the raffle will go toward two local volunteer groups; the

Wilberforce Heritage Guild, who operate the Red Cross Outpost and the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Board, who put on the annual Wilberforce Fair. Rogers says that their proceeds go toward community development.

"We currently offer a bursary to any Wilberforce graduating student who applies to go further in their education. This year, we donated to the Wilberforce Public School that needed some support for a school trip, we supported the Santa visit. We have done many things in the past including getting the rubber flooring in the arena snack bar and dressing rooms, replacing the time clock, the curtains and rods for the stage. There are so many things and we're always looking for suggestions," she says.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Penny Raffle attendees can go across the street to the Wilberforce Curling Club Fundraiser at the Lloyd Watson Centre to enjoy a spa-

ghetti dinner (\$12 for adults, \$6 for kids five to 12 years of age, and free for kids under five years old), before heading back to the raffle to do any last-minute bidding prior to the early bird raffle draw at 7 p.m. and the Gigantic Penny Raffle draw at 8 p.m.

Rogers revealed on July 9 that they have up to 100 donations toward the raffle in hand already; baskets of kids' activities, puzzles, books, gift certificates from many local businesses, a signed Bobby Hull jersey, a variety of wooden signs, jewellery, a floating buoy, and many other different things for people to choose from.

Rogers says that the community reaction to the upcoming Gigantic Penny Raffle has been positive.

"They are glad and excited to get it started again, as they missed it for three years during COVID-19."

A love for the Highlands

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

I have been known by many things in my 34 years: Terry's daughter (if you are in real estate); Johnny's daughter (if you are from West Guilford); Shannon's sister (most of my High School life); Ms. Carr (if you are at HHSS), and now I am adding one more thing to the list: summer reporter.

This ever-growing list is representative of why this community means so much to me, and why I am so excited to share my love of this community with the audience of the *Echo* and the *Times*.

Growing up in the Haliburton Highlands, community has always been an integral part of my life.

Coming of age in the same town as my mother, a Gelert native, and seeing my family's history in the buildings around me taught me the importance of cherishing how lucky we are in this county for what we have.

Seeing the town's history in the crumbling houses that no longer stand, but once stood testament to Gelert's proud history, awakened my love of history and my desire to learn more about our proud community.

Attending the same high school as both of my parents, where I now teach, flamed my desire to one day return and help teach the youth in the county.

All of these things helped shape me into who I am today. They helped give voice to my love of my local community and my desire to give back to the region that raised me and my parents.

Although I moved away after high school, attending Nipissing University and obtaining degrees in English Literature and History, as well as my Bachelor of Education, I always planned to one day return home.

After University, I had the unforgettable opportunity to teach in Indigenous communities across Northern Ontario and Quebec, most notably the Cree community of Eastmain, Quebec.



Christine Carr will be working as a summer reporter for the *Echo*, *Times*, and *County Life*.

These experiences helped shape me as a teacher and an individual, as I learned the importance of Indigenous People on the landscape of Canada, as well as the crucial role all Canadians play in promoting reconciliation within Canada.

Growing up in the Haliburton Highlands has helped shape who I am and my passions.

I love exploring the outdoors, whether by kayak or on foot, and escaping into the wilderness, exploring the forests and lakes of the County.

I love giving back to the community through my work with Rotaract Haliburton Highlands. This love for the area is why I am so excited to join the *Echo* for the summer and experience and share everything this County has to offer.

I look forward to the adventures we can have together over the summer and all of the amazing events and moments that we can share.

You can contact me by email at christine@haliburtonpress.com.

Eagle Lake prepares for celebration

Volunteers have been busy making rhubarb pies for the past few weeks for the 85th anniversary celebration of the Eagle Lake Church and Community Centre to be held from July 21 to 23 at the Community Centre in Eagle Lake. The event will feature a theatrical dance performance on Friday at 6 p.m., a barbecue, craft and pie sale, and historic display on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and a church service on Sunday at 10 a.m. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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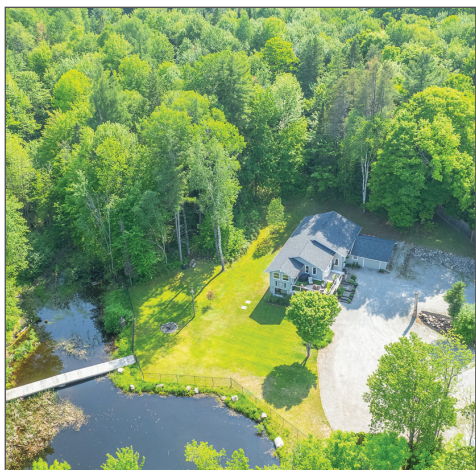


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- 1. A way to pick up
 - 5. Presents
 - 10. Type of guitar
 - 14. Actor Idris
 - 15. A citizen of Iran
 - 16. Creative
 - 17. Harness
 - 18. Weight unit
 - 19. You better call him
 - 20. Utterly devoted
 - 22. Male cat
 - 23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 24. Risk-taker
 - 27. A team's best pitcher
 - 30. Cool!
 - 31. Women's __ movement
 - 32. Georgia rockers
 - 35. Step-shaped recess
 - 37. The princess could detect its presence
 - 38. Type of truck
 - 39. Butterhead lettuces
 - 40. Angry people see it
 - 41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
 - 42. Soviet city
 - 43. Carpet
 - 44. Traveled all over
 - 45. Thin, straight bar
 - 46. Body art (slang)
 - 47. Congressman (abbr.)
 - 48. No seats available
 - 49. Breaks apart
 - 52. Arabic name
 - 55. Ballplayer's tool
 - 56. Type of sword
 - 60. Baseball team
 - 61. Upper bract of grass floret
 - 63. Italian Seaport
 - 64. Ancient Syrian city
 - 65. Shoelace tube
 - 66. The Miami mascot is one
 - 67. South American nation
 - 68. Popular video game "Max __"
 - 69. Body part

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. German courtesy title
 - 2. Ancient Greek City
 - 3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
 - 4. Long-legged frog family
 - 5. Photo
 - 6. Delivered a speech
 - 7. Lute in classical Indian music
 - 8. Decorated
 - 9. Take a seat
 - 10. Belonging to a bottom layer
 - 11. Member of a Semitic people
 - 12. Part of a ticket
 - 13. Defunct Guinean money
 - 21. Challenges
 - 23. Popular BBQ food
 - 25. Subway dweller
 - 26. By way of
 - 27. Shady garden alcove
 - 28. Egyptian city
 - 29. Partner to "flowed"
 - 32. Widens
 - 33. Old Eurasian wheat
 - 34. Act incorrectly
 - 36. European pipeline
 - 37. Al Bundy's wife
 - 38. Ocean
 - 40. Root eaten as a vegetable
 - 41. Sound units
 - 43. Style of music
 - 44. A way to drench
 - 46. Hot beverage
 - 47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
 - 49. Rumanian city
 - 50. Urge to action
 - 51. Vaccine developer
 - 52. Canadian law enforcers
 - 53. Wings
 - 54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
 - 57. Small fry
 - 58. __ Clapton, musician
 - 59. Take a chance
 - 61. Bland food
 - 62. Consumed

Answers on page 14



Community Kitchen volunteers chop up rhubarb during the annual Rally for Rhubarb event held on May 31. Every year SIRCH Community Services does a call out for rhubarb and the public generously donates bushels, which is then prepared into delicious desserts and fruit servings that is distributed with the Community Kitchen meals for free throughout Haliburton County. /Submitted

SIRCH lights the community with supportive initiatives

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

SIRCH Community Service's 35th annual general meeting was held, in person, for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, at the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery on Wednesday, June 28 in Haliburton.

"Have you ever been asked the question, 'What is it that SIRCH does?' I'm asked that all the time, and it gives me cause to reflect," SIRCH president of the board of directors Barbara Fawcett said. "Now I tell people, 'SIRCH is in the business of creating opportunities to ease the lives of those people living with unmet needs.'"

SIRCH's end-of-year fund balance saw a 15 per cent increase from last year. Thirteen per cent of their revenue came from fundraising and donations, and they had a 29 per cent increase in donations this year.

SIRCH's School's Cool program saw some significant changes. They started developing the first parent-directed program following the loss of government funding for in-person classes.

School's Cool will offer 24 Days of School's Cool, the parent-directed program, as well as one in-person program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden this year.

With their Community Action Program for Children and the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program, 25 parents and 75 children were supported.

They collected and gave away 1069 cold weather clothing items with their Share the Warmth initiative.

The Repair Cafe was brought back this year and took place three times. Twenty-two volunteers helped 122 visitors repair electronics, bikes, furniture, and more, keeping these items out of landfills.

Training has taken a step back following the shift in the working world following the pandemic.

The pandemic created a shortage of workers and abundance of jobs.

"Training is a really good example of SIRCH pivoting," said SIRCH executive

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SIRCH is in the business of creating opportunities to ease the lives of those living with unmet needs.

— Barbara Fawcett, SIRCH board of directors president

director Gena Robertson. "We're talking right across the country, not just us. It's how things have evolved from COVID. Training got us all this other stuff that we now do to support the community."

SIRCH's Community Kitchen is pumping out 400 nutritious meals into the community each week. They also continued the Lunch Is On Us program every Wednesday during the winter.

"It's the heart and soul of what we do," Robertson said.

This year, their three year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will end, but it allowed for the creation of their Bistro, Bakery, and Training Centre.

A second OTF grant will help build on food initiatives.

"This will include a pilot for an affordable mobile produce market this summer and cooking classes in the fall," said Robertson.

The mobile market will visit Harcourt, Cardiff, and Gooderham.

SIRCH has also been hosting two to three events per week including live music, a board game cafe, BINGO nights, and craft nights, all to fulfill the "encouraging connection" aspect of their mission.

"All of us who work or volunteer for SIRCH do it out of love. During the pandemic, it may have appeared to some that we slowed down. In fact, the very opposite has been true. SIRCH leadership, staff, and volunteers continued programs where they could be run so that no one fell through the cracks if we could help it," said Fawcett.



Prioritizing food security

The Rotary Club of Haliburton presented the Central Food Network with a \$10,000 donation which was used to help purchase the van used to transport goods throughout Highlands East and parts of Dysart for families and individuals to have access to food from local food banks. /Submitted

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All about the bass

On July 8 the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association hosted their annual Rock Bass Fishing Derby. A great time was had by all of the participants. Congratulations to the winners Seija and Lachlann Rossiter in the 12 and under category catching 12.14 lbs and Megan Neely and Brody Morrison in the 13 and over category catching 23.3lbs. /Submitted



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Hope for WG Canada Day next year

community news
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You noticed that lack of Canada Day celebration in Guilford. No one could take Carol Stamp's place. No one to phone and ask to judge the various foot races, the best decorated bikes, or who made the best pie. No one phoned me to ask the many cooks to each bake a pie. Who was going to watch at the horseshoe pitch? Who would judge the swimming? What about the hotdog and

hamburger stand, or look after cooking the meat on the barbecue? Wasn't anyone going to ask which family had the most representation? Who designated "citizen of the year." Someone obviously needed to pull it all together, someone with time to make a few dozen calls. Volunteers are out there, they do have to be asked. Is anyone going to emulate Carol Stamp? Let's put our thinking caps on so that West Guilford's Canada Day can live again!
She Loves Me is the summer theatre play being produced at Northern Lights Pavilion. Guilford people can be proud of Christopher Chumbley's performance as head waiter in the cast. He, Hannah Klose and Alex Kocot have each been part of Bill Gliddon's St George's choir in recent years so congratulations are pouring in for these talented young actors and singers.

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Passed away suddenly in Haliburton on June 29, 2023 in his 67th year.

Beloved son of the late Thomas (Tye) Irwin and Patricia (nee: Bishop), brother of the late David Irwin, and father of Thomas, Heather (Brad), and Peter. Mike will be greatly missed by his siblings Tim, Beth, John, and Patrick (Lori), his granddaughter, Brooklyn, and his nephews and niece William (Meg), Adam, Ethan, and Grace, and his former spouse, Kathy.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Michael's life will be held at the **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #129** Haliburton 719 Mountain Street Haliburton, Ontario on Sunday, July 9 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for friends and relatives to attend in the Main Hall. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Muriel Jeanne McIntosh (nee Morton)

(Resident of Brady Lake, Ontario)

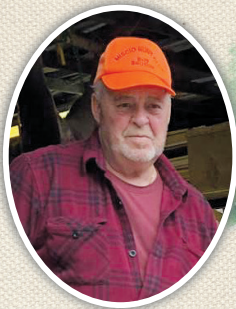
Peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday evening, March 12, 2023, in her 85th year. Beloved wife of Doug McIntosh for over 65 years. Loving mother of Eric McIntosh (Sandra) and Deb Lawson (Doug). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Kira, Shelby, Robert, Thomas, Meghan, and Michael; and great granddaughters Oriana and Emma. Dear sister of Millie (John) and Lois (Wayne). Fond friend of many in the Community. She loved her home on Brady Lake, in Minden, Ontario. Those that knew Muriel, are going to miss her hearty laugh, her infectious smile and her dedication to playing both bridge and bid euchre.

Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to call at **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a Celebration of Muriel's life. A tribute and toast for Muriel will occur around 1:30 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Wayne Wood
(Resident of Haliburton)

We are profoundly sad to relay the passing of Wayne B. Wood. Peacefully at Extencicare Haliburton on Thursday July 6, 2023, with his granddaughter at his side. Wayne was the loving husband of the late Dorothy Wood (2001) and Wyona Consack (2016). Loving father of Melinda (Michael), Wendy, Nancy, Karl Consack (Irene), and Rod Consack (Molly). Brother of Wendell Wood. Special uncle to Rick and Kathy. Loved by his grandchildren Lyndsey, Jennifer, Kimberley (Mallory), Harry (Chrissy), Stephanie (Jon), Christopher, Stuart (Jaime), and Abigail. He was blessed to have many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Wayne worked for Dysart et al for 30-plus years. He was instrumental in the development and progress of Haliburton Village and County. He was a pioneer in the paramedic services in the primary years, leading up to where EMS is today. He was an intelligent and kind man. He will be missed dearly.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation starting at 9:30 a.m.). Interment at Evergreen Cemetery Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Acute & ER Equipment, Dysart Fire Department or Extencicare - Proud Pioneers would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Barry Purpura
(Resident of Haliburton)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Friday, June 23, 2023, in his 85th year. Predeceased by his wife Elaine Purpura (nee Scott). Fondly remembered by Elaine's sons Scottie and Rod and her many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Samuel, Gertrude (nee Huggins), and sister Sandra Hummel (Neil). He will be missed by his nephew Brian Hummel, niece Denise Hummel and her son Joshua and her grandson Landon. Barry loved to spend his time fishing and playing cards, especially Euchre. You could often find him at the Haliburton Legion.

Gathering & Graveside Service

Friends are invited to call at the **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 - Haliburton**, 719 Mountain St, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-2571 for a gathering on Sunday July 16, 2023, from 1 to 4 o'clock in the Club Room. A Graveside Service will be held at **Maple Lake United Church Cemetery**, Hwy 118 and Airport Rd Stanhope Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 11 o'clock. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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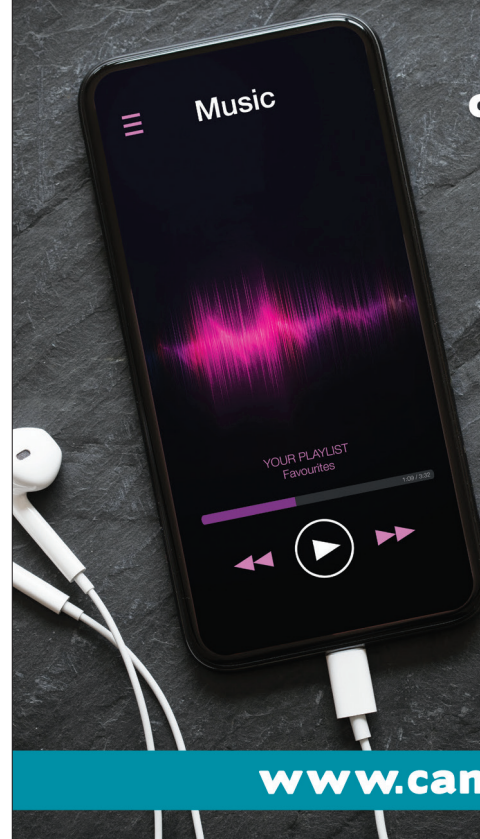
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Bear caught with paws in cookie jar

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When Violet Maughan woke up in the middle of the night last Wednesday because of a commotion in her kitchen, she thought a raccoon must have somehow got in through the screen door of her Mountain Street house.

But when she went into the kitchen to investigate, it wasn't a raccoon that had its finger in the cookie jar – it was a young bear.

"I had bought some cookies for a treat but it was the bear who had the treat instead," she says.

Like a child who gets caught in the act of doing something wrong, the cub jumped when it saw Mrs. Maughan and quickly ran out the door.

"I guess I scared him as bad as he scared me," the Haliburton resident says, none the worse for wear for her encounter. "I couldn't get back to sleep but other than that I'm fine."

A bear in the kitchen was not an uncommon occurrence last week.

Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to 10 calls from people who had bears inside their homes or cottages.

Sgt. Harry Baranik said he had to shoot one bear near

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DARREN LUM/Echo

With a grunt of approval, a competitor in the caber toss watches his caber fly through Head Lake Park in the heavy events component of Saturday's Highland Games. More photos page 14.

Highland Games turns into piper's tribute

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Although the grey skies reflected the mood of many of the participants in Saturday's Highland Games, their love of

bagpipes helped them transform the day into a loving tribute for the Bancroft pipe major who died after taking part in the morning parade.

George Kerr, 67, who was waiting for by-pass surgery

later this summer, died of a heart attack while waiting for the massed bands to begin to play.

"He was a beautiful person, very jovial, very obliging, a real

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Loblaws sails through another green light

ERIN TENNANT
Staff Reporter

The addition of a gas bar to the proposed Loblaws grocery store on County Road 121 was approved yesterday in what was one more green light for the food distributor's building plans in Haliburton.

Construction on the three-pump gas bar, a new initiative of Loblaws, will go ahead after Dysart et al granted the rezoning of a 61,000 sq. ft. parcel of land, which adjoins the site for the grocery store, from a residential to commercial designation at yesterday's council meeting.

The land, recently purchased by Loblaws, formerly held two separate residential houses. It is now included in the existing commercial site - where the former Curry Motors auto body shop stood - and will present a combined area of 388,000 sq. ft. with 650 ft. street frontage.

Loblaws, through representative Rob Walker of Zelinka Priamo, presented a submission for the rezoning on July 7 during a public meeting at council chambers.

Walker assured council that proper engineering tests would be completed before plans for the gas bar would be finalized, with an intention to expand to four pumps. As well, he signalled that there would be one entrance to the store, via the county road, and that stormwa-

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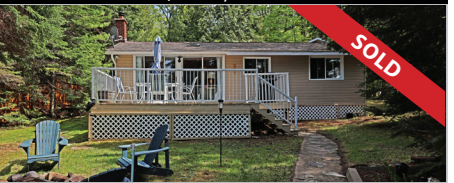
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